

~~TOP SECRET~~
CONFIDENTIAL

#24595

Copy #3

DM-9

Document No.	9
No Change in Class	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> No Change in Content	
Class. Change: TO	3 0
Auth.: HM 78-2	
Date: 14 Sept 78	By: <input type="checkbox"/>

25X1

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Information on Soviet Armed Forces

1. Attached hereto as enclosures I through IV is a revision as of 24 February 1950 of the estimate dated 25 May 1949 on the strength of Soviet Armed Forces.

2. In comparison with the 25 May 1949 estimate, it is noted that:

- a. The total personnel strength of the Soviet Armed Forces has not changed despite minor changes in the location of various units.
- b. Principal change in Air Force strength has been an increase in fighter aircraft, particularly jets.
- c. Although total estimated submarine strength has increased by 12, there are now 23 additional obsolescent submarines, 35 fewer conventional ocean patrol submarines and 9 fewer high submerged speed submarines. The increase in total strength is attributed to an estimated 64 medium range submarines (a new category).
- d. Some improvement has been made in the status of training of the Soviet Armed Forces.

DM-9 - no dissemination!!

DCI retained Cj's #1 & 2 for his files,
Cj #5 retained by O/DCI

CONFIDENTIAL

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~TOP SECRET~~
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ENCLOSURE I

Estimated Distribution of Personnel - Soviet Armed Forces

	<u>Army</u>	<u>MVD</u>	<u>Air*</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Total</u>
Germany	355,000	20,000	30,000	2,000	407,000
Austria	33,000	2,500	7,000	1,500	44,000
Poland	55,000	2,000	6,600	3,000	66,600
Romania	30,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	35,000
Hungary	45,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	51,000
Finland	10,000	1,000	—	4,000	15,000
Bulgaria	2,000	1,000	100	100	3,200
Czechoslovakia	500	—	300	—	800
Albania	500	—	100	1,650	2,250
Total Europe	<u>531,000</u>	<u>31,500</u>	<u>48,100</u>	<u>14,250</u>	<u>624,850</u>

Manchuria	60,000	2,000	24,000	10,000	96,000
Korea	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,500	5,500
Total Far East	<u>62,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>101,500</u>
Total Outside USSR	<u>593,000</u>	<u>34,500</u>	<u>73,100</u>	<u>25,750</u>	<u>726,350</u>
Total In USSR	<u>1,907,000</u>	<u>365,500</u>	<u>526,900</u>	<u>574,250</u>	<u>3,373,650</u>

Total Soviet Armed Forces	2,500,000	400,000	600,000	600,000	4,100,000

* With exception of those for Germany, Austria, Poland, and the grand total, figures in this column are extremely suspect.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~TOP SECRET~~

ENCLOSURE II

Air Forces of the Soviet Union and
Authorized Aircraft Strength by Types

<u>Component</u>	<u>Fighters</u>	<u>Attack</u>	<u>Light Bombers</u>	<u>Bombers IIRAF</u>	<u>Transport</u>
Military Air Force	5,850*	2,814	2,772	--	640
Fighter Defense Force	1,800**	--	--	--	--
Long Range Air Force	100	--	--	1,504***	128
Naval Air Force	<u>1,550</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>128</u>
TOTAL	9,300	2,982	3,822	1,504	896

<u>Component</u>	<u>Recon- naissance</u>	<u>Unknown Types</u>	<u>Total A/C</u>	<u>Total Regts</u>	<u>Total Personnel</u>
Military Air Force	606	680	13,364	306	332,000
Fighter Defense Force	--	--	1,800	36	64,000
Long Range Air Force	--	--	1,732	53	54,000
Naval Air Force	<u>256</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>3,232</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>80,000</u>
TOTAL	864	760	20,128*	469	530,000

Headquarters and Training
Establishment Personnel 70,000

TOTAL 600,000

- * This total includes an estimated 1,000 jet fighters.
 ** This total includes an estimated 1,000 jet fighters.
 *** This total includes an estimated 300 TU-4's (B-29 type).
 * Does not include aircraft of the Civil Air Fleet or of the LWD.

CONFIDENTIAL

~~TOP SECRET~~

- 2 -

1. Aircraft and Personnel Strength of the Soviet Air Forces.

a. This order of battle study differs from previous order of battle presentations in that it shows the authorized aircraft strengths of the air regiments that have been identified, rather than their estimated actual strengths. Authorized strength figures are used because intelligence concerning them is on a much firmer basis than intelligence concerning estimated actual strength figures. Furthermore, the authorized strength figures appear to be more significant in view of the fact that without delay after H-Day the units would probably be brought up to full establishment strength from aircraft in the stored reserve.

25X1

2. Reserve.

The USSR has an estimated reserve of military aircraft somewhere between 20,000 - 40,000.

3. Production.

The USSR produced an estimated 4,900 combat and 6,600 non-combat aircraft in 1949.

Current estimates of production are: (a) jet fighters: 240 per month; and (b) medium bombers (B-29 type): 30 per month.

CONFIDENTIAL

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~
CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE III

Disposition of USSR Naval Vessels

<u>Type</u>	<u>Baltic</u>	<u>Northern</u>	<u>Black Sea</u>	<u>Pacific</u>	<u>Total</u>
Old Battleships	1	-	2	-	3
Coast Def. Vessels	1	-	-	-	1
Heavy Cruisers	4	-	3	2	9
Old Heavy Cruisers	-	-	1	-	1
Light Cruisers	1	-	1	1	3
Old Light Cruisers	-	-	1	-	1
Destroyers	21	8	11	16	56
Old Destroyers	-	4	3	3	10
Escort Destroyers	1	-	-	2	3
Coastal Destroyers	14	3	6	15	38
High Submerged Speed Submarines	4	-	-	-	4
Conventional Ocean Patrol Submarines	39	27	2	12	80
Coastal Submarines	40	6	34	29	109
Medium Range Submarines	24	4	10	26	64
Obsolescent Submarines (14-20 years old)	15	-	10	11	36

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1

Approved For Release 2006/04/21 : CIA-RDP91T01172R000300280018-1

Next 2 Page(s) In Document Exempt

Approved For Release 2006/04/21 : CIA-RDP91T01172R000300280018-1